

Out-of-Doors With the Procession of the Flowers

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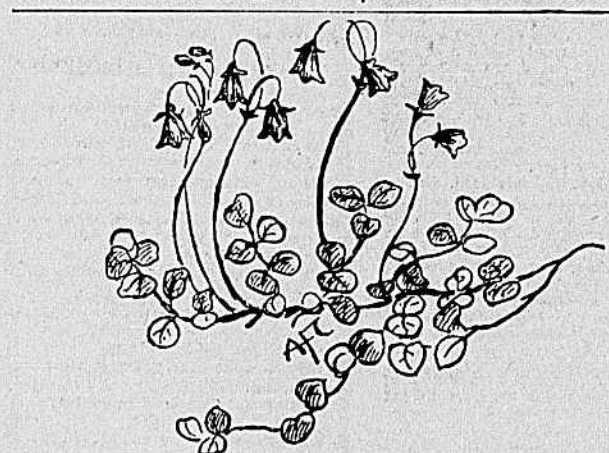
There may be rare days in June, but there are rare days in July also—days when one is disposed to stroll in a seemingly lazy, listless way. Yet these strolls may be productive of much that is of interest, for nature is in her most luxurious mood, and the fields and marshes, woods and hills, are subject to the exultant influence of Flora, deity of the summer time. Some of these flowers have a beauty which is unusual, but then, the beauty is but a part in the designs of nature, and serves a purpose which is quite independent of the human sense. It seems a pity to say that the Creator did not make the flowers beautiful to please the sight of man, yet the facts give the assertion an acceptance which has respect. It would, perhaps, be better to say that the Creator made a harmony most pleasing to the sight, when He variegated the colors of vegetation and made the world the beautiful place it undoubtedly is. There are no discords in nature, only those which



SWEET MELILOT.

are made by man, because of the necessities of his kind, for the crops must be reaped, the trees felled and the rocks quarried. Yet the mown field, the barren tract where once the forest stood, and the quarry hole have a charm which is all their own. The flowers have a beauty which is designed to lure the fertilizing insects, for the most beautiful flowers grow remote from human gaze. The orchids seek the swamps and the deep shaded woods; the arbutus, the shelter of the long grasses which grow in the marshes, and the twin flower the recesses of the forest.

Have you ever seen the twin flower, the beautiful dainty blossom which was named the Linnaea borealis, in honor of the great Linnaeus, who did so much to reveal the mysteries of the botanical world? It is a slender creeping, evergreen, somewhat hairy, with rounded oval leaves, slightly toothed and upright peduncles, that is, stems, bearing twin bell-shaped flowers of delicate pink with white markings on the inside, and a freeze of hairs to keep out the predatory insects. It is so graceful that one expects to see the little folk come out from under the leaves in response to the chimera which are rung; for as-



TWIN FLOWER.

surely they must ring as they swing in the breeze; and their fragrance permeates the surrounding air. It was their perfume which first led me to them as they grew beneath the shade of a towering oak in a wood which was already fragrant with a multiplicity of perfumes. It is very fragile, and has but a slender hold upon the earth; so that you must exercise great care when you gather it, and cut it; do not pull it.

There are two hydrangeas which grow in our territory, that is, grow wild, for there are varieties enough which decorate the gardens in the late season. One of the former is the Hydrangea arborescens, the wild hydrangea, a shrub with ovate leaves, sharp at the apex, and heart shaped at the base. The fertile flowers are not conspicuous; but the outer, or sterile flowers are very attractive, and serve the purpose to lure the bees. The name is derived from the shape of the capsule and means a water vase in Greek. The shrub grows from New York to Florida and Missouri by river banks. The hydrangea radialis grows from North Carolina to Tennessee and very much resembles the arborescens, save that the leaves are thicker and are very downy or woolly beneath.

In the rich soil from Kentucky to Tennessee, the Chadrakis lutea, the Kentucky yellow-wood grows. It is a smooth-barked tree with oval leaflets upon a stalk, bearing many flowered panicles of drooping white blossoms. The wood yields a yellow dye.

and went to Minnesota, the east, growing from Virginia to Texas.

The hills in Essex county, Mass., are covered with a golden mantle during the summer time. It is the blossom of the Genista tinctoria, the wood-waxen, the dyer's weed. It also is of the leguminous family. It bears few-flowered clusters of bright yellow flowers, and leaves which are close to the stem; a very attractive plant, but increase the noxious weed. The legend is that the seeds were brought over by one of the Puritans; and there is another story to the effect that they came over as dye for the use of the tanners in Pennsylvania. But whichever be true, the wood-waxen grows from Maine to Eastern New York.

Still of the same family is the Melilotus alba, the sweet white clover, the leaves of which are used by old-fashioned people to perfume the linen, for they have a sweet and wholesome fragrance. Although a clover, it grows quite tall, sometimes as high as ten feet, and is a very branching herb with trifoliate leaves which are downy, and white flowers in slender racemes. There is the M. officinalis, the yellow melilot, which bears yellow flowers. Both plants are adventitious.

By the waysides, in the shade and in the fields, from Maine to Florida, indeed, all over the country grows the flax, the flax, the flax. It is a slender plant with sessile leaves and perfect flowers of yellow color. There are nine varieties in our territory, but two of which, the Lewis and the rigidum, bear large flowers. These grow on the prairie from Manitoba to Texas.

The Polygala are growing in the woods, the fields and the prairies, giving color to the scene. As the Greek name implies, they have something to do with milk, and are commonly called milkworts, because they are supposed to increase the quantity of milk in the cow which ate them. They are common plants, yet some of them have a beauty, as the fringed polygala, for instance, which I described last month. There is the purple polygala, with its bright blossoms which grows everywhere; and the orange polygala, which grows south of New Jersey, and the Maryland polygala, which grows south of that State to Louisiana. You will readily recognize the flowers, for they are those bright, red-purple spikes, which beautify the fields. The leaves are small, and entire, and several of the species bear cleistogamous flowers, that is, flowers which are fertilized in the bud.

The Andromeda polifolia, the rosemary, the holy marsh rose is in bloom in the bogs from New England to Pennsylvania. It is much like a blueberry bush, save that the blossoms are borne in terminal umbels, and are toothed, the teeth being recurved. The stamens are another of the species with the flowers, which are faintly pink in lateral nodding umbels. It affects the sandy soil from Rhode Island to Florida. There is the fetterbush also, which grows from Virginia to Florida, of the same family; and the red berry, which grows from Labrador to Colorado.

The sumachs add a tropical character to the summer landscape, for the foliage suggests the tropics. You all know the staghorn sumach with its pinnatifid leaves and its panicles of crimson flowers. Yet they are not crimson, but green; it is the clothing hairs which are crimson and acid. And, what is more, the flowers are polygamous. There are the mountain sumach, and the scarlet sumach, and the fragrant sumach, which grows in the mountains and west to Minnesota and south to Louisiana; and the ill-scented sumach, which grows from Illinois to Nebraska. There are two which are poisonous, the poison sumach and the poison ivy. The former grows in swamps from Maine to Louisiana, and is very poisonous, the latter covers stone walls and fences all the way from Maine to

Florida and Arkansas. And always remember that it bears three leaves, and axillary panicles of greenish flowers. It is particularly attractive in the fall, when the leaves assume a rich hue; but you will gather them at your risk; for they are very poisonous, raising irritating pustules.

The mallows are here, with their cheerful blossoms. They are adventitious and have made themselves secure in our territory. They are tall herbs, with lobed or dissected leaves, and flowers of reddish purple. The fruit is responsible for the name cheesecake plant. The leaves are mucilaginous and are supposed to give the marshmallows of the confectioner their peculiar and pleasing tenacity. There are five varieties in the United States, and some of the plants make a fine show by the waysides.

The Silene vulgaris, the bladder-campion, may be found in the company of the bouncing Bet, but to be sure, for it has been naturalized from Europe, where it is a garden flower. It is called silene because of the violet character of the plant, hence the name catchfly. The leaves are ovate, save in the starry campion, where they are whorled, and the ovate-lanceolate, and the flowers, which are white or rarely pink, are inflated. Hence the name bladder campion. There is one, the moss campion, found upon the mountains from New Hampshire to Arizona, which grows low and has crowded leaves, very much resembling the nodding catchfly. Then there are the nodding catchfly, with its loose panicles of white or pink flowers; the round-leaved catchfly, with its few scarlet flowers; the nodding catchfly, with its short petioled flowers of pink, and the sweet William with its cyme of purple blossoms. These grow in their varieties from Maine to Arkansas.

The Lychnis, a near relative of the former, may be found from Maine to Pennsylvania, and as far west as Nebraska. It, too, is partly a water plant, grows near to houses; so it seems to love the company of man. There is the scarlet Lychnis with its numerous flowers in a dense cyme, that is, a broad and flat cluster of flowers. Then there is the cuckoo flower, or the ragged Robin, with its blue, pink or white flowers; and the mullen plant, densely woolly, and its rose flowers, which are larger and

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The bouncing Bet, the Saponaria officinalis, is a flower which has a tumbled beauty, which, despite its lack of seeming form, is a very cheerful blossom as it grows on the banks and by the waysides. It is a foreigner and has escaped from gardens and fairly riots in the liberty it has. It is a stout plant, between one and two feet in height, with opposite leaves, which are narrowed at the base into seeming stems, and dense terminal corymbs of pink flowers. It is called saponaria because of certain virtues which its juices have in cleansing.

And still another of those hybrid garden flowers which have gone astray from the care of man is the Verbena canadensis. You may find it in the dry soil anywhere from south of Illinois. The plant is much branched and bears planely incised leaves, cleft in three, and a spike of five-parted blue, purple or white flowers. It grows chiefly in waste places, having a decided preference for deserted fields. It is of a family of the vervains, one of which idealizes the moist meadows from Maine to New Mexico, and is native to the soil—the blue vervain, which rears its delicate blue blossoms upon an outstretching spike, which recalls nothing quite so much as it does a candlestick. The Vaccaria is of the same family, bearing pale red and inconspicuous flowers; but the Dianthus is a more pretentious blossom. It is the carnation in its natural state, before man made the flower which has such prestige in the florist's. There is the Deptford pink which bears a flower of pink with white spots; the maiden pink with solitary flowers of pink; and the sweet William bunch pink in terminal clusters. All these may be found in the Eastern and Middle States as far west as Michigan. In the woods from Maine to Wisconsin, and south to Missouri, may be found the Cimicifuga racemosa, the black snake-root, or black cohosh. It grows from three to eight feet tall, and is very leafy above, with divided leaves, the leaflets very often being compound, that is, united into one. The leaflets are oblong or ovate,



BLUE BERVAIN.

the terminal one being somewhat blunt at the end, and the flowers in racemes with numerous stamens, and having a fetid odor. The C. racemosa, very much resembling the former, grows from Virginia to Tennessee.

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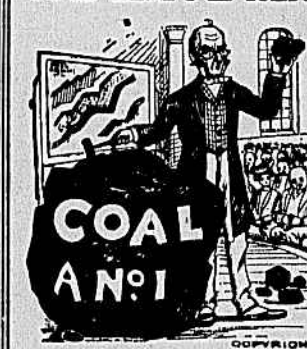
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